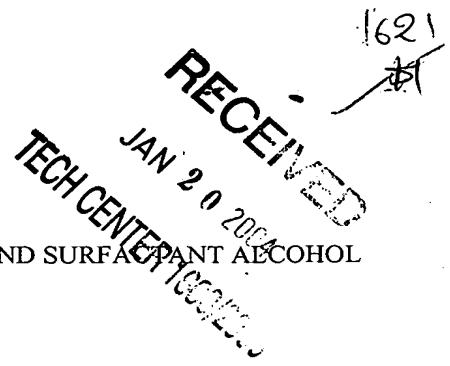


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 IN RE APPLICATION OF: Heiko MAAS, et al.
 SERIAL NO: 09/926,168
 FILED: September 18, 2001
 FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SURFACTANT ALCOHOLS AND SURFACTANT ALCOHOL ETHERS, THE PREPARED PRODUCTS AND THEIR USE



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SIR:
 Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith: Request for Extension of Time (2 months); Information Disclosure Statement; PTO-1449; Cited References (7)

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of August 12, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Basis for the Amendment begins on page 8 of this paper.

Request for Reconsideration begins on page 9 of this paper.

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